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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 522**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland**

February 21, 2001

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An act to amend Sections 714, 1057, 3031, 3031.2, 3033, 7149, 7149.2, and 7150 of, and to add Section 1054.6 to, the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish and game, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 522, as amended, Strickland. Hunting, sport fishing, and sportsman's licenses: fees: designation for search and rescue.

Existing law requires certain applicants for hunting, sport fishing, and sportsman's licenses to pay a fee for those licenses.

This bill would authorize any person who pays the required fee to ~~designate that pay an additional \$1 of the fee be contributed, and would require the Department of Fish and Game to contribute that additional fee~~ to the search and rescue department of the county in which ~~that person~~ the person who pays the fee resides.

The bill would require the ~~Department of Fish and Game~~ department to revise the applications for hunting and sport fishing licenses to include a space in which the applicant may ~~make that designation~~ indicate a desire to pay the additional fee. The bill also would require the department to allocate the revenues received under the bill to the appropriate counties.

The bill would make technical and conforming changes.

Existing law continuously appropriates the money in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the Department of Fish and Game and the

Fish and Game Commission to carry out the Fish and Game Code. Because this bill would impose new duties on the department, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 714 of the Fish and Game Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 714. (a) In addition to Section 3031, 3031.2, 7149, or 7149.2  
4 and notwithstanding Section 3037, the department shall issue  
5 lifetime sportsman's licenses under this section. A lifetime  
6 sportsman's license authorizes the taking of birds, mammals, fish,  
7 reptiles, or amphibia anywhere in this state in accordance with law  
8 for purposes other than profit for the life of the person to whom  
9 issued unless revoked for a violation of this code or regulations  
10 adopted under this code. A lifetime sportsman's license is not  
11 transferable. A lifetime sportsman's license does not include any  
12 special license tags, license stamps, or fees.

13 (b) A lifetime sportsman's license may be issued to residents of  
14 this state, as follows:

15 (1) To a person 62 years of age or over upon payment of a fee  
16 of six hundred dollars (\$600) in 1998.

17 (2) To a person 40 years of age or over and less than 62 years  
18 of age upon payment of a fee of eight hundred ninety dollars  
19 (\$890) in 1998.

20 (3) To a person 10 years of age or over and less than 40 years  
21 of age upon payment of a fee of nine hundred ninety dollars (\$990)  
22 in 1998.

23 (4) To a person less than 10 years of age upon payment of a fee  
24 of six hundred dollars (\$600) in 1998.

25 (5) The department shall establish the fee for each license  
26 authorized under this section in 1999 and subsequent years. The  
27 license fee shall not be less than the fee authorized in 1998, and the  
28 fee shall not exceed the cost of a license if the license fee was  
29 adjusted pursuant to Section 713 with the base year of 1998.

30 (c) Nothing in this section requires a person under the age of 16  
31 to obtain a license to take fish, reptiles, or amphibia for purposes

1 other than profit or to obtain a license to take birds or mammals  
2 except as required by law.

3 (d) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a license  
4 from meeting other qualifications or requirements otherwise  
5 established by law for the privilege of sport hunting or sport  
6 fishing.

7 (e) Upon payment of a fee of three hundred ten dollars (\$310),  
8 a person holding a lifetime hunting license or lifetime sportsman's  
9 license shall be issued annually one deer tag application pursuant  
10 to subdivision (a) of Section 4332 and one book of five wild pig  
11 tags issued pursuant to Section 4654.

12 (f) Upon payment of a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200), a  
13 person holding a lifetime hunting license or lifetime sportsman's  
14 license shall be entitled annually to the privileges afforded to a  
15 person holding a state duck stamp issued pursuant to subdivision  
16 (a) of Section 3700 and an upland game bird stamp issued pursuant  
17 to Section 3682.

18 ~~(g) Any person who pays the fee required by subdivision (b)~~  
19 ~~may designate on the application that one dollar (\$1) of that fee be~~  
20 ~~contributed to the search and rescue department of the county in~~  
21 ~~which that person resides.~~

22 *(g) Any person required to pay the fee described in subdivision*  
23 *(b) may pay an additional one dollar (\$1) fee, which the*  
24 *department shall contribute to the search and rescue department*  
25 *of the county in which the person who pays the fee resides.*

26 SEC. 2. Section 1054.6 is added to the Fish and Game Code,  
27 to read:

28 1054.6. (a) The department shall revise the applications for  
29 hunting and sport fishing licenses to include a space in which the  
30 ~~applicant may designate that one dollar (\$1) of the license fee be~~  
31 *applicant may indicate a desire to pay an additional one dollar*  
32 *(\$1) fee to be contributed to the search and rescue department of*  
33 *the county in which the applicant resides.*

34 (b) The department shall allocate the revenues received  
35 pursuant to subdivision (a) to the appropriate counties.

36 SEC. 3. Section 1057 of the Fish and Game Code is amended  
37 to read:

38 1057. All license and license tag money shall be kept separate  
39 and apart from any other funds of a license agent, and, except as  
40 provided in Section 1054.6, shall at all times belong to the state.

1 SEC. 4. Section 3031 of the Fish and Game Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 3031. (a) A hunting license, granting the privilege to take  
4 birds and mammals, shall be issued to any of the following:

5 (1) A resident of this state, 16 years of age or older, upon the  
6 payment of a base fee of seventeen dollars (\$17), as adjusted under  
7 Section 713.

8 (2) A person under the age of 16 years, upon the payment of a  
9 base fee of four dollars (\$4), as adjusted under Section 713.

10 (3) A person not a resident of this state, 16 years of age or older,  
11 upon the payment of a base fee of fifty-nine dollars (\$59), as  
12 adjusted under Section 713.

13 (4) A person not a resident of this state, 16 years of age or older,  
14 valid only for two consecutive days upon payment of a base fee of  
15 twenty-five dollars (\$25), as adjusted under Section 713. A license  
16 issued pursuant to this paragraph is valid only for taking resident  
17 and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals,  
18 fur-bearing mammals, and nongame mammals, as defined in this  
19 code or in regulations adopted by the commission.

20 (5) A person not a resident of this state, valid for one day and  
21 only for the taking of domesticated game birds and pheasants  
22 while on the premises of a licensed game bird club, or for the  
23 taking of domesticated migratory game birds in areas licensed for  
24 shooting those birds, upon the payment of a base fee of eight  
25 dollars (\$8), as adjusted under Section 713.

26 ~~(b) Any person who pays the fee required by this section may~~  
27 ~~designate on the application that one dollar (\$1) of the fee be~~  
28 ~~contributed to the search and rescue department of the county in~~  
29 ~~which that person resides. Any person who pays the fee required~~  
30 ~~by this section may pay an additional one dollar (\$1) fee, which the~~  
31 ~~department shall contribute to the search and rescue department~~  
32 ~~of the county in which the person who pays the fee resides.~~

33 SEC. 5. Section 3031.2 of the Fish and Game Code is  
34 amended to read:

35 3031.2. (a) In addition to Sections 714 and 3031 and  
36 notwithstanding Section 3037, the department shall issue lifetime  
37 hunting licenses under this section. A lifetime hunting license  
38 authorizes the taking of birds and mammals anywhere in this state  
39 in accordance with the law for purposes other than profit for the  
40 life of the person to whom issued unless revoked for a violation of

1 this code or regulations adopted under this code. A lifetime  
2 hunting license is not transferable. A lifetime hunting license does  
3 not include any special license tags, license stamps, or fees.

4 (b) A lifetime hunting license may be issued to residents of this  
5 state, as follows:

6 (1) To a person 62 years of age or over upon payment of a fee  
7 of three hundred dollars (\$300) in 1998.

8 (2) To a person 40 years of age or over and less than 62 years  
9 of age upon payment of a fee of four hundred forty-five dollars  
10 (\$445) in 1998.

11 (3) To a person 10 years of age or over and less than 40 years  
12 of age upon payment of a fee of four hundred ninety-five dollars  
13 (\$495) in 1998.

14 (4) To a person less than 10 years of age upon payment of a fee  
15 of three hundred dollars (\$300) in 1998.

16 (5) The department shall establish the fee for each license  
17 authorized under this section in 1999 and subsequent years. The  
18 license fee shall not be less than the fee authorized in 1998, and the  
19 fee shall not exceed the cost of a license if the license fee was  
20 adjusted pursuant to Section 713 with the base year of 1998.

21 (c) Nothing in this section requires a person under the age of 16  
22 to obtain a license to take birds or mammals except as required by  
23 law.

24 (d) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a license  
25 from meeting other qualifications or requirements otherwise  
26 established by law for the privilege of sport hunting.

27 ~~(e) Any person who pays the fee required by this section may~~  
28 ~~designate on the application that one dollar (\$1) of the fee be~~  
29 ~~contributed to the search and rescue department of the county in~~  
30 ~~which that person resides.~~

31 *(e) Any person who pays the fee required by this section may*  
32 *pay an additional one dollar (\$1) fee, which the department shall*  
33 *contribute to the search and rescue department of the county in*  
34 *which the person who pays the fee resides.*

35 SEC. 6. Section 3033 of the Fish and Game Code is amended  
36 to read:

37 3033. (a) The department, upon application and payment of  
38 a fee, shall issue a reduced fee hunting license that authorizes the  
39 licensee to take any bird or mammal as otherwise authorized  
40 pursuant to this code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, to

1 a disabled veteran, as defined in subdivision (b), who has not been  
2 convicted of any violation of this code. The base license fee for a  
3 reduced fee hunting license shall be four dollars (\$4) for the  
4 hunting license year beginning on July 1, 1995, and, for the  
5 following years, this license fee may be annually reviewed and  
6 adjusted in accordance with Section 713.

7 (b) "Disabled veteran" means a person having a 70 percent or  
8 greater service-connected disability and an honorable discharge  
9 from military service. The person shall be eligible upon  
10 presentation of proof of an honorable discharge from military  
11 service and proof of the disability. Proof of the disability shall be  
12 by certification from the United States Department of Veterans'  
13 Affairs or by presentation of a license issued pursuant to this  
14 section in the preceding license year.

15 ~~(c) Any person who pays the fee required by this section may~~  
16 ~~designate on the application that one dollar (\$1) of the fee be~~  
17 ~~contributed to the search and rescue department of the county in~~  
18 ~~which that person resides.~~

19 *(c) Any person who pays the fee required by this section may*  
20 *pay an additional one dollar (\$1) fee, which the department shall*  
21 *contribute to the search and rescue department of the county in*  
22 *which the person who pays the fee resides.*

23 SEC. 7. Section 7149 of the Fish and Game Code is amended  
24 to read:

25 7149. (a) A sport fishing license granting the privilege to take  
26 any fish, reptile, or amphibia anywhere in this state for purposes  
27 other than profit shall be issued to any of the following:

28 (1) A resident of this state, over the age of 16 years, upon  
29 payment during a calendar year beginning on or after January 1,  
30 1988, of the base fee of sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents  
31 (\$16.75), as adjusted under Section 713.

32 (2) A nonresident, over the age of 16 years, for the period of a  
33 calendar year, or, if issued after the beginning of the year, for the  
34 remainder thereof, upon payment of a base fee of forty-five dollars  
35 (\$45), as adjusted under Section 713.

36 (3) A nonresident, over the age of 16 years for the period of 10  
37 consecutive days beginning on the date specified on the license  
38 upon payment of the fee set forth in paragraph (1), as adjusted  
39 under Section 713.

(4) A resident or nonresident, over the age of 16 years, for one designated day, upon payment of the base fee of seven dollars (\$7) as adjusted under Section 713. Notwithstanding Section 1053, more than one single day license issued for different days may be issued to, or possessed by, a person at one time.

(b) A sport ocean fishing license granting the licensee to take any fish from ocean waters of this state for purposes other than profit shall be issued to a resident of this state, over the age of 16 years, for the period of a calendar year, or if issued after the beginning of the year, for the remainder thereof, upon payment of a base fee of ten dollars (\$10), as adjusted under Section 713.

(c) A sport ocean fin fishing license granting the privilege to take only fin fish from the ocean waters of this state for purposes other than profit shall be issued to a person over the age of 16 years for one designated day, upon the payment for a designated day in the license year beginning on January 1 of the base fee of four dollars (\$4), as adjusted under Section 713.

(d) California sport fishing license stamps shall be sold by license agents in the same manner as sport fishing licenses, and no compensation may be paid to the license agent for sale of the stamps except as provided in Section 1055.

~~(e) Any person who pays the fee required by this section may designate on the application that one dollar (\$1) of the fee be contributed to the search and rescue department of the county in which that person resides.~~ *Any person who pays the fee required by this section may pay an additional one dollar (\$1) fee, which the department shall contribute to the search and rescue department of the county in which the person who pays the fee resides.*

SEC. 8. Section 7149.2 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

7149.2. (a) In addition to Sections 714 and 7149, the department shall issue a lifetime sport fishing license under this section. A lifetime sport fishing license authorizes the taking of fish, amphibia, or reptiles anywhere in this state in accordance with the law for purposes other than profit for the life of the person to whom issued unless revoked for a violation of this code or regulations adopted under this code. A lifetime sport fishing license is not transferable. A lifetime sport fishing license does not include any special license tags, license stamps, or fees.



(b) A lifetime sport fishing license may be issued to residents of this state, as follows:

(1) To a person 62 years of age or over upon payment of a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300) in 1998.

(2) To a person 40 years of age or over and less than 62 years of age upon payment of a fee of four hundred forty-five dollars (\$445) in 1998.

(3) To a person 10 years of age or over and less than 40 years of age upon payment of a fee of four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$495) in 1998.

(4) To a person less than 10 years of age upon payment of a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300) in 1998.

(c) Nothing in this section requires a person under the age of 16 years to obtain a license to take fish, amphibia, or reptiles for purposes other than profit.

(d) Nothing in this section exempts a license applicant from meeting other qualifications or requirements otherwise established by law for the privilege of sport fishing.

(e) The department shall establish the fee for each license authorized under this section in 1999 and subsequent years. The license fee shall not be less than the fee authorized in 1998, and the fee shall not exceed the cost of a license if the license fee was adjusted pursuant to Section 713 with the base year of 1998.

(f) Upon payment of a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), a person holding a lifetime sport fishing license or lifetime sportsman's license shall be entitled annually to the privileges afforded to a person holding a second-rod stamp issued pursuant to Section 7149.4, an ocean fishing enhancement stamp issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 6596, one steelhead trout catch report restoration card issued pursuant to Section 7380, a striped bass stamp issued pursuant to Section 7360, and a salmon punch card issued pursuant to regulations adopted by the commission.

~~(g) Any person who pays the fee required by subdivision (b) may designate on the application that one dollar (\$1) of that fee be contributed to the search and rescue department of the county in which that person resides.~~

*(g) Any person who pays the fee required by this section may pay an additional one dollar (\$1) fee, which the department shall*



1 *contribute to the search and rescue department of the county in*  
2 *which the person who pays the fee resides.*

3 SEC. 9. Section 7150 of the Fish and Game Code is amended  
4 to read:

5 7150. (a) Upon application to the department's headquarters  
6 office in Sacramento and payment of a base fee of four dollars (\$4),  
7 as adjusted pursuant to Section 713, the following persons, who  
8 have not been convicted of any violation of this code, shall be  
9 issued a reduced fee sport fishing license that is valid for the  
10 calendar year of issue, or, if issued after the beginning of the year,  
11 for the remainder thereof and that authorizes the licensee to take  
12 any fish, reptile, or amphibia anywhere in this state as otherwise  
13 authorized pursuant to this code and regulations adopted pursuant  
14 thereto for purposes other than profit:

15 (1) A disabled veteran having a 50 percent or greater service  
16 connected disability upon presentation of proof of an honorable  
17 discharge from military service and proof of the disability. Proof  
18 of the disability shall be by certification from the United States  
19 Veterans Administration or by presentation of a license issued  
20 pursuant to this paragraph in the preceding license year.

21 (2) A person receiving aid to the aged under Chapter 3  
22 (commencing with Section 12000) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the  
23 Welfare and Institutions Code.

24 (3) A person over 65 years of age who is a resident of this state  
25 and whose total monthly income from all sources, including any  
26 old age assistance payments, does not exceed the amount in effect  
27 on September 1 of each year contained in subdivision (c) of  
28 Section 12200 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for single  
29 persons or subdivision (d) of Section 12200 of the Welfare and  
30 Institutions Code combined income for married persons, as  
31 adjusted pursuant to that section.

32 The amount in effect on September 1 of each year shall be the  
33 amount used to determine eligibility for a reduced fee license  
34 during the following calendar year.

35 (b) A person applying for a reduced fee sport fishing license  
36 shall submit adequate documentation for the department to  
37 determine whether the applicant is, in fact, eligible for a reduced  
38 fee sport fishing license. The documentation shall be in the form  
39 of a letter or other document, as specified by the department, from  
40 a public agency, except as provided in paragraph (1) of subdivision

1 (a). The department shall not issue a reduced fee sport fishing  
2 license to any person unless it is satisfied that the applicant has  
3 provided adequate documentation of eligibility for that license.

4 (c) ~~Any person who pays the fee required by this section may~~  
5 ~~designate on the application that one dollar (\$1) of the fee be~~  
6 ~~contributed to the search and rescue department of the county in~~  
7 ~~which that person resides. Any person who pays the fee required~~  
8 ~~by this section may pay an additional one dollar (\$1) fee, which the~~  
9 ~~department shall contribute to the search and rescue department~~  
10 ~~of the county in which the person who pays the fee resides.~~

